

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) A method of backing up personal data of a wireless communication network subscriber, the personal data being memorised within a mobile communication device and backed up within a network server,

wherein said method includes an asynchronous backup mode in which, once the mobile communication device has prepared a first subset of data from among a batch of data to be backed up and transmitted the first subset of data to a network server for backing up, the backup is delayed by a predetermined period of time, so as to free the mobile communication device for a user of the mobile communication device, and the backup of at least one subset of data subsequent to the first subset of data is resumed at the end of said predetermined period of time.

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein, in order to resume the backup, the network server implements a countdown of a period of time and sends a resume signal to a chip card in the mobile communication device at the end of said predetermined period of time.

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein, in order to resume the backup, the mobile communication device implements a countdown of a period of time and sends a resume signal to a chip card in the mobile device at the end of said predetermined period of time.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the mobile communication device implements the countdown and sends the resume signal upon receiving an instruction from the chip card.

15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 14, wherein the chip card gives said instruction to the mobile communication device by sending it a Subscriber Identity Module toolkit ("STK") command.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 14, wherein the chip card gives said instruction to the mobile communication device by sending it a "GET STATUS" command.

17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, further comprising a prior assessment step in which a volume of data to be backed up or a corresponding waiting time required to make the mobile communication device available to the user is determined and compared to a predetermined threshold,

- when the volume of data is higher than the predetermined threshold, the backup is performed according to the asynchronous backup mode 40,

- and, when the volume of data is not higher than the predetermined threshold, the backup is carried out according to a default mode.

18. (Previously Presented) A server for backing up personal data of a wireless communication network subscriber, the personal data having been previously memorised within a mobile communication device,

wherein said server comprises means for backing up a first subset of data from among a batch of data to be backed up, and

said means for backing up data is arranged, according to an asynchronous mode, to:

- receive and save the first subset of data and entering a waiting time mode according to a delay instruction,

- and, at the end of the waiting time, resuming the backup of at least one subset of data subsequent to the first subset of data.

19. (Previously Presented) A portable communication device belonging to a wireless communication network subscriber, said portable communication device comprising at least one memory for memorizing data,

wherein said portable communication device comprises means for backing up data, said means for backing up data transmitting a first subset of data from among a batch of data to be backed up to a server for backing up, and

said means for backing up data is arranged, according to an asynchronous backup mode, to:

- delay by a predetermined period of time the backup of at least one subset of data that is subsequent to the first subset of data, so as to ensure that a user of the portable communication device may use the portable communication device,
- and resume the backup of at least one subset of data subsequent to the first subset of data at the end of the predetermined period of time.

20. (Previously Presented) The portable communication device according to claim 19, wherein said portable communication device selectively operates according to an asynchronous backup mode and a normal mode.